

A HOSPITAL PLAN FOR ENGLAND AND WALES (REVISION TO 1972-73)

1. "A Hospital Plan for England and Wales" (Cmnd. Paper 1604), published in January, 1962, set out a programme of hospital building, region by region, to be started at various times up to 1970-71. Paragraph 52 stated that the programme would be reviewed and carried forward annually.

2. In the first two years of the plan, 1961-62 and 1962-63, 25 major schemes have been completed, and 33 new and substantially remodelled hospitals, and 32 other major schemes have been started. Details are published in the series of half-yearly Progress Reports on Hospital Building.¹

3. The plan has now been carried forward two years to cover the quinquennia 1963-64 to 1967-68 and 1968-69 to 1972-73. Capital expenditure of £250 million has been assumed in the first quinquennium and £350 million in the second. A list of the major schemes which now appear in the 10-year programme for the first time, and of major extensions to schemes already in the programme, is given in the Appendix.

4. Apart from the addition of new schemes and of extensions to existing schemes, numerous other modifications have been made in the programme since publication of Cmnd. 1604. It is not proposed on this occasion to publish these centrally.

Maternity beds

5. When the Hospital Plan was prepared in 1961, the Registrar General's projected figure for the number of live births in 1975 was 818,000 for England and Wales as a whole. This has now been revised to 891,000. Within this total, the projections for individual regions have also been revised, though there are big variations in the amount of change resulting. In the light of the higher birth rates now expected during the next decade, adjustments have been made to the programme in the following ways:—

- (a) there have been increases in the size of new maternity units in the programme;
- (b) starting dates for new maternity units have been brought forward;
- (c) there will be further conversion of other hospital accommodation for maternity use;
- (d) additional facilities such as labour rooms will be provided to enable existing maternity beds to be more fully used.

If necessary, some maternity hospitals for whose work better provision is eventually to be made will be retained in use somewhat longer than had been anticipated.

¹ Hospital Building: England and Wales, Progress Report 1, July, 1948—September, 1961. H.M.S.O. 1962. Price 12s. 6d.

Hospital Building: England and Wales, Progress Report 2, March, 1962. H.M.S.O. 1962. Price 12s. 6d.

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Mental illness

6. For mental illness the Hospital Plan took a ratio of 1·8 beds per 1,000 population to be the probable limit of requirements by 1975 as a national average. This figure was derived from a detailed survey of the actual experience of mental hospitals in 1954-58. Subsequent trends have been watched but do not so far suggest that it needs revision. The average number of patients in beds for mental illness decreased from 147,109 in 1958 (representing 3·26 per 1,000 population) to 140,593 in 1960 (3·06 per 1,000 population) and to 137,433 in 1961 (2·98 per 1,000 population). A close watch will continue to be kept on the rate of decrease. If it proceeds more or less rapidly than assumed, there will be no difficulty in adjusting the Plan accordingly by varying the date at which existing accommodation is to be dispensed with.

APPENDIX

New major schemes or major extensions to schemes already in the programme. * denotes schemes to start in the first quinquennium.

THE NEWCASTLE REGION

Newcastle Area

Replacement of ward blocks at Newcastle General Hospital—first phase.

Gateshead Area

New ward block of 210 beds at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

South Shields Area

Maternity unit of 100 beds, midwifery training school, ante-natal clinic and extension of certain ancillary services at South Shields General Hospital.

Psychiatric Services

Modernisation of Winterton Hospital.

THE LEEDS REGION

Leeds and Otley Area

Residential staff accommodation at St. James's Hospital, Leeds.*

Further general hospital development at Leeds.

Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Area

Additional development, including new out-patient and accident and emergency departments, at Scarborough Hospital.

Bradford, Bingley, Keighley, Skipton and Ilkley Area

New district general hospital at Keighley.

Further geriatric accommodation at Bierley Hall Hospital, Bradford.

THE SHEFFIELD REGION

Sheffield Area

Further development of the City General Hospital.

Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Worksop Area

Upgrading of Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.

Further development of Kilton Hospital, Worksop.

Nottingham Area

New geriatric hospital for the Ilkeston-Heanor area.

Derby Area

Further development of Derbyshire Royal Infirmary including additional maternity beds to replace those at Babington Hospital, Belper.

Further development of Derby City Hospital.

Leicester Area

Further development of Leicester General Hospital including X-ray and pathological departments.

Further development of Leicester Royal Infirmary including new out-patient department.

New district general hospital at Loughborough.

THE EAST ANGLIAN REGION

Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Cromer Area

Redevelopment of Norfolk and Norwich Hospital—final phase.

Peterborough, Stamford, North Cambridgeshire and King's Lynn Area

Redevelopment of Peterborough and District Memorial Hospital—third phase.*

New out-patient and accident and emergency departments at North Cambridgeshire Hospital.*

New ward block and out-patient department at Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford.*

Psychiatric Services

Re-organisation of central block at Fulbourn Hospital.*

THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION

London Area

New physical medicine department,* operating theatres, out-patient and accident departments at the Middlesex Hospital.

New radiotherapy department,* and staff accommodation at Hammersmith Hospital.

Extensions to City of London Maternity Hospital.*

Redevelopment of Paddington General Hospital—first phase.

North and Central Middlesex Area

Redevelopment of Central Middlesex Hospital—first phase.

South West Middlesex Area

Upgrading and extension of Perivale Maternity Hospital.*

Barnet, Mid- and West Hertfordshire Area

Redevelopment of Barnet General Hospital—first phase.

Luton and Hitchin Area

Redevelopment of Luton and Dunstable Hospital—second phase.

THE NORTH EAST METROPOLITAN REGION

London Area

Extension of pathological department,* new out-patient department and psychiatric day hospital at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Metropolitan Essex Area

A new Queen Mary's Hospital on the site of Forest Gate Hospital in substitution for the extension of the existing Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford.*

South West Essex Area

A new hospital on the site of Harold Wood Hospital in substitution for the extensions to the existing hospital.

South East Essex Area

A new hospital on the site of Orsett Hospital in substitution for the re-building and extension of the existing hospital.*

THE SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN REGION

London Area

Further development, including dental hospital, children's wards and boiler house at Guy's Hospital.

North West Kent Area

New Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup—final phase including psychiatric accommodation and geriatric beds.

North Kent Area

Redevelopment of West Hill Hospital—final phase.

Redevelopment of Gravesend and North Kent Hospital—second phase.

Central and South West Kent Area

New district general hospital for central Kent.

Central and South East Sussex Area

Rebuilding of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton—third phase.

THE SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION

Carshalton and Epsom Area

Isotope unit at the Royal Marsden (The Downs) Hospital.*

Kingston, Chertsey and Woking Area

New day hospital, staff accommodation, kitchen and boiler house at Tolworth Hospital.*

Worthing and Chichester Area

New boiler house at Southlands Hospital.

THE WESSEX REGION

Bournemouth and Dorset Area

New district general hospital for the Bournemouth/Christchurch Area.

Psychiatric Services

New Children's Unit at St. James's Hospital, Portsmouth.*

THE OXFORD REGION

Northern Area

Redevelopment of Northampton General Hospital—second phase.

North-Western Area

Banbury district general hospital—second phase.

Western Area

New hospital at Cirencester—second phase.

Southern Area

Maternity unit at Townlands Hospital, Henley-on-Thames.*

Further development of the Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospitals at Reading.

Eastern Area

Further development at Amersham General Hospital, including new ward accommodation.

THE SOUTH WESTERN REGION

North Gloucestershire Area

Redevelopment of Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (Great Western Road)—third phase, including out-patient department, day hospital and ward accommodation.

Bristol Area

Extension of boiler house at Bristol Royal Infirmary.*

New operating theatres and central sterile supply department at Southmeads Hospital, Bristol.*

New district general hospital at Weston-super-Mare.

New ward block at Frenchay Hospital.

South Somerset Area

Upgrading at Summerlands Hospital, Yeovil.*

New West Somerset Hospital at Lyngford—second phase.

Replacement of Mary Stanley Maternity Home, Bridgwater.*

Plymouth Area

New hospital at Derriford—second phase.

West Cornwall Area

New hospital at Penzance.

New geriatric unit to replace Sedgemoor Priory, St. Austell.

Psychiatric Services

New laundry at Coney Hill Hospital, Gloucester.*

THE BIRMINGHAM REGION

East Birmingham Area

Thoracic and cardiac surgical unit at Little Bromwich/Yardley Green Hospital.*

New operating theatres and X-ray department at Solihull Hospital.*

Coventry and North Warwickshire Area

New group laundry at Whitley Hospital, Coventry.*

New operating theatres at St. Cross Hospital, Rugby.*

South Worcestershire and Herefordshire Area

New operating theatres at the County Hospital, Hereford.*

Dudley, Stourbridge and Kidderminster Area

New operating theatres and central sterile supply department at Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.*

Wolverhampton, Walsall and West Bromwich Area

Staff accommodation at New Cross, Wolverhampton.*

Psychiatric Services

Remodelling of engineering services at St. Mary's Hospital, Burghill.*

New child psychiatric unit, Uffculme Early Treatment Centre, Birmingham.*

THE MANCHESTER REGION

West Manchester Area

New maternity unit at Bolton District General Hospital.

North and East Manchester Area

New maternity unit at Crumpsall Hospital in substitution for conversion of Northern Hospital to maternity hospital.

South Manchester Area

New boiler house at Stepping Hill Hospital.*

THE LIVERPOOL REGION

St. Helen's and Warrington Area

New district general hospital for the Warrington area in substitution for redevelopment of Warrington General Hospital.*

Chester and Wirral Area

New district general hospital for the Chester area in substitution for developments at Chester City Hospital and Chester Royal Infirmary.*

Psychiatric Services

New main kitchen at Deva Hospital.*

WALES

Cardiff Area

Extension of Llandough Hospital.

Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypridd Area

Extension of East Glamorgan Hospital—final phase.

Swansea Area

New out-patient and accident department and children's wards at Llanelli Hospital.*

North Wales

New Nurses' home at Caernarvon and Anglesey General Hospital.*

New district general hospital at Wrexham (incorporating the existing Maelor Hospital)—second phase.

Upgrading at Lluesty General Hospital, Holywell.*

Psychiatric Services

New main kitchen at North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.*

Engineering improvements at Glanrhyd Hospital, Bridgend.*

New ward blocks, kitchen and occupational therapy department at Ely Hospital, Cardiff.*

Upgrading of St. Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon.*

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